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## SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS JULY QUARTERLY LABOR

### AUGUST 2004 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **QUARTERLY FARM LABOR SURVEY** for the week of July 6-12, 2004. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson  
State Director

**NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA:** There were 24,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona during the week of July 11-17, 2004, up 33% from last July. Average hours worked by all hired workers dropped to 45.0 hours a week compared to 47.7 hours one year ago. Wage rates for field workers were up from last July at \$7.45 an hour, an increase of 34 cents. Livestock worker wages dropped to \$8.24, compared to \$8.41 an hour during July 2003. Overall, average wage rates improved from last year's wages of \$8.07 an hour to \$8.34 an hour.

**UNITED STATES:** There were 1,293,000 hired workers on the Nations farms and ranches during the week of July 11-17, 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 953,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 340,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.10 per hour during the July 2004 reference week, up 22 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.42 per hour, up 25 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$8.75 per hour compared with \$8.57 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.50 per hour, was up 24 cents from last year.

Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,  
Selected Regions and U.S., July 2003-2004 <sup>1/</sup>

	Mountain II <sup>2/</sup>		Mountain III <sup>3/</sup>		Southern Plains <sup>4/</sup>		United States <sup>5/</sup>	
	Jul 6-12 2003	Jul 11-17 2004	Jul 6-12 2003	Jul 11-17 2004	Jul 6-12 2003	Jul 11-17 2004	Jul 6-12 2003	Jul 11-17 2004
<b>Workers on Farms</b>	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	24	23	18	24	61	68	943	953
<b>Hours Worked</b>	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	44.5	41.1	47.7	45.0	38.2	37.8	39.8	39.3
<b>Wages By Work Type</b>	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	7.86	8.63	7.11	7.45	7.62	7.59	8.17	8.42
Livestock	8.62	9.39	8.41	8.24	7.58	8.18	8.57	8.75
Field & Livestock	8.06	8.90	7.55	7.73	7.60	7.81	8.26	8.50
All Workers	8.56	9.47	8.07	8.34	8.15	8.58	8.88	9.10

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2/</sup> Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. <sup>3/</sup> Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. <sup>4/</sup> Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. <sup>5/</sup> Excludes AK.